

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia May 23^d 1871

Sir

The U. S. \$20 gold coin specified in your letter ⁽⁸⁴⁾ to the Director, of the 22^d instant, received by the Department from the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at New Orleans, La., was duly received today by Express.

It proves upon examination to have been reduced in weight, ^{apparently} by some mechanical agency applied to one side of the rim, to the amount of $8\frac{1}{8}$ grains below the standard.

Being so much below par value, it did not seem proper to deposit it

with the Assistant Treas-
-urer here, and it is therefor
retained subject to your order.

Enclosed I forward
a copy of the Chief Coiner's
report on the subject, and
also return Assistant
Treasurer Clinton's letter.

Very Respectfully Yours
H. B. Hickok

Hon Geo. S. Boutwell Director's Clerk
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

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Chief Coiner's Department
May 23, 1871

Hon. George S. Boutwell
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D.C.

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It proved upon examination to have been reduced in weight apparently by some mechanical agency applied to one side of the rim, to the amount of 8-1/8 grains below the standard.

Being so much below par value, it did not seem proper to deposit it with the Assistant Treasurer here, and it is therefore retained subject to your order.

Enclosed I forward a copy of the Chief Coiner's report on the subject, and also return Assistant Treasurer Clinton's letter.

Very respectfully yours,
H.C. Hicks,
Director's Clerk